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greatly modified, when A. B. C. books appeared, and rhymed books of general information and of demeanour.

3rd. Period of Religious Tales of precocious infants who discuss the mysteries of the redemption and dangers of hell fire.

4th. Period of the Moral Tale.

5th. Our own period,—that of a realistic treatment of all subjects put before the child; chiefly stories of his own life and of Nature, spelled with a capital.

In the first period the child was valued as a necessary preliminary to man; in the second he is regarded as differing from an adult chiefly in degree of ignorance; in the third period as totally depraved; in the fourth as a creature of reason; and in the present time as the important factor in the human problem.

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*Xenophon's Anabasis.* Seven Books. By William Rainey Harper, Ph.D., D.D., and James Wallace, Ph.D. New York: American Book Co. 1893. Price \$1.50.

This is an excellent edition of the *Anabasis*. The editors have wisely adopted Arnould Hug's text, which they have printed without change. As in other editions of this series, the first occurrence of each word is indicated by printing it in full-faced upright type. A list of several pages chosen at random would seem to indicate that this work had been done with great accuracy, and its utility is great enough to reconcile one to the consequent slight defacement of the page. References to the grammar, which do not seem too numerous, are given without comments beneath the text. Only the first four books are annotated, and the commentary, forty pages in all, is placed after the text. The notes are brief and clearly expressed, evince sound scholarship and independent judgment, and while held within narrow limits, seem to leave no real difficulty untouched. Here and there the translations are too literal to be idiomatic and, as examples for the pupil, are not to be recommended. The text of the last three books is added for sight-reading, and here the grammatical references are replaced by brief explanations of the new words as they occur and occasional translations of the more difficult expressions. Throughout the text of the seven books brief summaries are prefixed at intervals of a page or so, and in the course of the first four books various "Topics for Study" are suggested. There are upwards of seventy illustrations and diagrams which in the main add much to the beauty and usefulness of the work.

The Introduction, consisting of fifty-six pages, gives a brief account of Persian history and the Persian art of war, recounts the history of the Expedition of Cyrus, describes his army and the Greek art of war, and gives a brief sketch of the life of Xenophon,

in which his birth is assumed to have occurred about 431 B. C. To these are added a Bibliography, Itinerary, and a few Inductive Exercises, and Themes for Investigation. A useful feature of the book is the collection of twelve pages of paradigms "For Ready Reference." The list includes all that the pupil would need for reading the Anabasis excepting the verb, and the treatment of the participles is more complete than that of the grammars. There is also given a list of all words which occur in the Anabasis more than four times, arranged in the order of frequency, and the number of times each word occurs is indicated.

Altogether the result seems to be a text-book which may cordially be recommended to the attention of teachers.

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